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LOK SABHA

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INCENTIVES TO VILLAGES FOR IMPROVEMENT IN SEX RATIO
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch a scheme for providing cash incentives to the villages which take steps to improve sex-ratio; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The Union Ministry of Women & Child Development have informed that the Scheme of Dhanalakshmi − Conditional Cash Transfer for the Girl Child with Insurance Cover − has been launched on 3.3.2008 as a Pilot Project in eleven Educationally Backward Blocks across seven States. The scheme includes cash transfers to the family of the girl child based on the fulfillment of four important conditionlities, viz. birth and registration of the girl child, immunization, retention in school and delaying marriage beyond 18 years of age.